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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6035

INFO ASMARA NIACT IMMEDIATE 6597

C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 10191

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS ET

SUBJ: DEATH OF TWO AMERICANS

REF: ADDIS 10190

1. SUGGEST DEPT RESPOND TO PRESS QUERIES BY GIVING FACTS BUT ALLOWING MINIMUM SPECULATION ANY ASPECT OF KAGNEW PROBLEM. IN VIEW OF DIFFICULT TIME WE HAD WITH PRESS GUIDANCE ON CISCO TWO CASE, AND ETHIOPIAN GOVT FINAL UNILATERAL RELEASE, RECOMMEND WE DO NOT RPT NOT TRY TO CONCERT GUIDANCE WITH EPMG.

2. ASMARA'S 716 GIVES REASON FOR LACK OF EPMG ARMED PROTECTION ON ROAD. DEPT STATEMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR WE CANNOT BLAME EPMG FOR NOT PREVENTING THE INCIDENT.

3. SAME TELEGRAM ALSO SHOWS WE DO NOT BELIEVE AMERICANS WERE TARGET OF MINELAYERS, AND THIS SHOULD BE CONVEYED TO PRESS.

4. EMBASSY REITERATES CONCERN EXPRESSED REFTEL THAT WAY STORY IS HANDLED IN US PRESS COULD AFFECT SAFETY AND/OR RELEASE OF CISCO TWO. WE SUPPOSE DEPT MUST DEPLORE OR REGRET INCIDENT, BUT NOT IN TERMS INDICATING HOSTILITY TOWARD ELF/PLF.

5. EMB AND CONGEN WILL RESPOND TO PRESS QUERIES BY CONFIRMING
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FACTS OF INCIDENT BUT REFUSING FURTHER COMMENT, WHICH WE WILL

SAY MUST COME FROM WASHINGTON.

6. WE WILL NEED TO KNOW WHEN NEXT OF KIN HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED
SO WE CAN CONFIRM NAMES OF DECEASED IF ASKED.

7. ONCE NEWS BREAKS , SUGGEST COORDINATE WITH VOA.
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